

Remarks

Claims 17-30, 47, 51-53, 55-56, 58-59, and 61-63 were rejected as unpatentable over JEYARAMAN 6,377,957 in view of BENSON et al. 6,202,085. Independent claims 17, 47, and 61-63 have been amended. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

The amended claims provide, among other features, that the update manager uses only a single updated minimum element which is a tree-structured portion of the structured document, where the single updated minimum element includes a plurality of updated portions.

By contrast, JEYARAMAN discloses that each update element includes only a single updated portion so that when multiple updates are to be made, each update must be made separately in a plurality of operations (deletion and insertion for each of the update portions). This places a burden on the client, especially mobile equipment.

The amended claims provide that just a single replacement (simple rewrite) operation is used even when a plurality of updated portions are included. This reduces the burden on the client.

BENSON et al. do not make up for the shortcomings of JEYARAMAN and thus the claims avoid the rejection under §103.

The dependent claims are allowable for similar reasons.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, it is believed that the present application has been placed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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